

National Register of Historic Places Preliminary Questionnaire

Thank you for your inquiry about nominating a property to the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register of Historic Places is our nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation and protection. The National Register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archaeological resources. Properties listed in the National Register include buildings, archaeological sites, structures, objects, and districts--groups of resources--that are significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture. Listing in the National Register is an honorific distinction. It does not place any special requirements or restrictions on the property.

Before you invest substantial time and energy in the preparation of a National Register nomination form for your property, we encourage you to complete and submit the attached National Register of Historic Places Preliminary Questionnaire. This questionnaire solicits basic information about the history of the property and its current physical condition. We also require that you submit clear, recent photographs of its interior and exterior. The staff of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will evaluate the subject property on the basis of this information and will offer you a pre-



Michigan's State Historic Preservation Office was established in the late 1960s, following passage of the National Historic Preservation Act. The SHPO provides technical assistance to individuals and communities in their efforts to identify, evaluate, designate, and protect Michigan's historic resources.



liminary opinion as to its eligibility.

To learn more about the National Register nomination process, contact the Michigan SHPO or visit our webpage at www.michiganhistory.org. Be advised that completion of the National Register nomination form requires in-depth archival and field research, and presupposes a knowledge of the National Register eligibility requirements. This work may require the assistance of a professional history consultant.

Please note that materials submitted to the SHPO (including photographs and photocopies of information) will **not** be returned to the applicant.

Questions about the National Register of Historic Places Preliminary Questionnaire and other programs administered by the SHPO should be directed to (517) 373-1630 or preservation@michigan.gov.

Please return the completed Preliminary Questionnaire to the following address:

State Historic Preservation Office
Michigan Historical Center
702 West Kalamazoo Street
P.O. Box 30740
Lansing, MI 48909-8240

Images of National Register resources (top to bottom): SS Milwaukee Clipper; Muskegon; Knapp Company Building, Lansing; Point Betsie Light Station, Frankfort; Mies van der Rohe/Lafayette Park Historic District, Detroit.